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Sir:

This responds to the September 27, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application.

The deadline for responding to the September 27, 2007 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or December 27, 2007. Petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, to extend the deadline for response to Monday, January 28, 2008. As the last day for action under the one month extension of time falls on a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, the time for reply is extended to the next day, January 28, 2008.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)**, beginning on page 3 hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the September 27, 2007 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)**, beginning on page 6 hereof.